

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Bulls And Bears

Few will quibble with the generalisation that gradually rising share prices in a basically sound economy are indicative of the fundamental health of industry and commerce—even a growth in the national prosperity. For the share market trend is one of the many cogent factors considered in any assessment of economic situation in a free enterprise state.

The spiral of rising share prices in Wall Street, and to a lesser extent in London in recent months, is generally regarded as evidence of a basic soundness in the economies of the two countries. The casual observer may wonder, however, whether a similar deduction is possible from the Hongkong market trend with share prices now standing at their highest levels for 12 months. In that event, an examination of the market is necessary. Invariably, special circumstances and particular local influences tend to operate to a greater degree than usual in a community like Hongkong. One, for instance, might cite the extreme case of local prejudice. No well-informed observer of the share market would venture to say it affected trends as a whole to any marked degree, but the influence cannot be entirely discounted. This is but one example.

GAIN, where the investor-public is comparatively small—as it is here—jobbers' operations can, and often do, play large if not dominant part in the day's trading. The trend therefore is not always a true reflection of public sentiment as such.

The interested reader will have noted that present buoyancy is largely ascribed to "inward remittances" of capital from various parts of Southeast Asia. Either because of unfavourable taxation rates or because of political or economic insecurity overseas, these investors find our Colony a haven for their wealth and our shares a sound source of investment.

Another important factor in the share market rise in Hongkong is that other forms of investment, and speculation, such as real estate, gold bars and American dollars at present warrant attention only from the very wealthy. Daily movements on the gold and dollar exchange are positively minute compared with those to be obtained on the Stock Exchange where some shares have the added virtue of yielding as much as ten per cent on outlay.

It is difficult to make precise allowance for these influences, but if the share market trend is seen in the context of the general economic situation it will be found that there are a number of encouraging developments which augur well for the future.

These are all interrelated; and all interact. Thus, trade prospects are brighter; industrial development is moving ahead at a smart pace; new buildings are rising all over the Colony; millions of dollars are pouring in from Southeast Asia: these are some of the pointers to prosperity.

The conclusion must be then that despite the imponderables, there is a fairly clear reflection of our present economic strength in the share movements of the year—and the omens continue to be good. A setback (which is inevitable) should not be misinterpreted by the public. It will be a perfectly normal reaction, a natural correction which will eliminate neither confidence nor the market's essential strength but will rather be a spur to fresh demand and a signal for revived interest.

PLAN FOR GERMANY APPROVED

Western Policy At Geneva BASED ON EDEN'S VIEWS OF 1954

Bonn, July 5. Proposals for a Western policy on Germany at the Geneva conference were finally approved by experts of four Western powers meeting here this evening.

The meeting, presided over by Professor Wilhelm Grewe, head of the Political Department of the Bonn Foreign Office, included representatives of the United States, Britain and France.

A Government spokesman said the experts had agreed on Western proposals to secure all German unity on the basis of free elections. He added no further announcement would be made about the Group's deliberations, the results of which must now be forwarded to the Governments concerned.

According to authoritative sources here the plan is in principle a new edition of the Eden plan produced at the Berlin conference in February 1954 which set out a procedure and timetable for uniting Germany and, later even a cutback in rearmament both in East and West Europe.

Developments in atomic and nuclear research have served to underline that no control system yet devised would be foolproof if a nation was bent on secretly manufacturing—and hiding weapons of mass destruction or the components of such weapons.

Associated Press.

DISARMAMENT PLAN TOO

London, July 5. The Big Western powers were reported tonight near agreement on a "little disarmament plan" for halting the East-West arms race in Europe.

The plan calls for a census of arms and armaments maintained in Europe by East and West and an agreement to cut down these forces in phases.

It provides, too, for the creation of demilitarised or militarily limited zones where there would be either no troops or only national troops. Several of these ideas were said to be connected with other aspects of Allied plans for a continental security system.

They will be co-ordinated finally by a group of American,

HOLIDAYS OVER: DIPLOMATS ROLL UP THEIR SLEEVES

Washington, July 5. Big Four consultations in preparation for the Geneva conference were stepped up here today after Washington's long Independence Day weekend.

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Detailed reports of the informal remarks made yesterday by the Communist Party Secretary, Mr Nikita Khrushchev, have now reached Washington. They have been studied in official circles.

POSITION OF STRENGTH

It appears to be agreed that Mr Khrushchev did not in fact say anything at the United States Independence Day party in Moscow which Soviet propaganda broadcasts have not been saying repeatedly for several weeks.

According to official analyses of these broadcasts Soviet propaganda has been at great pains to deny the repeated statements of Western spokesmen at recent Big Three talks that Soviet economic weakness was the prime reason for current Soviet willingness to negotiate on East-West differences.

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Cernak, who was Slovak Minister of Education under the Nazis, was arrested in 1945 and freed in 1948 when he immigrated to West Germany.

Since then he has worked with the "Slovak Correspondence" information bulletin abroad. —France-Press.

Ex-minister Assassinated

Munich, July 5. Matius Cernak, Slovak ex-

Minister, was "assassinated" when a parcel he was carrying exploded in a post office here today, Cernak's friends said. The bearer of the parcel had both arms blown off and his chest caved in, but papers found on his body enabled the police tentatively to identify him as Cernak.

Cernak's friends, editors of the newspaper "Slovak Correspondence" said the victim was definitely Cernak.



MURDER TRIAL PERSONALITIES



These pictures show the leading figures in the Dusseldorf murder trial in which Sergeant F. Emmett-Dunne (wearing a beret, above) is seen marching to a Military Police sergeant. He is charged with the murder of a fellow sergeant, Reginald Watterson (seen in the picture below with his former wife Miss. She is now married to Emmett-Dunne). —London Express Photo.

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1. Parliamentary backing by the Republicans who withdrew their support from the Scelba Government four months before it fell.

2. The entry into the Government of one or two leaders of a strong right-wing group in the Christian Democratic party which was directly responsible for Premier Scelba's fall.

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Allied Reporters Barred From Red News Conference

PROTESTS TURNED DOWN BY UN COMMANDER

Panmunjom, July 6.

UN Command on Tuesday barred Allied newsmen, over their protests, from accepting a rare Communist invitation to a news conference in the 1,000-yard circular joint security area near here.

The refusal came after the Command told the Reds in some of the strongest language it ever used at a Military Armistice Commission (MAC) meeting that their recent "sweet talk" and "peaceful" propaganda was in marked contrast to "your continued wilful and flagrant violation of the (Korean) truce agreement."

Major-General Harlan C. Parks, senior Allied delegate to the MAC, read a 17-page document of Allied Communist truce violations and told North Korean Lieut-General Lee Sung Cho, the top Communist delegate:

INSINCERE

"It stands as monumental evidence to the United Nations Command and the free world of your complete insincerity, dishonesty and utter lack of integrity."

"The combat forces and particularly the air forces that you have built up illegally and covertly since the signing of the armistice constitute a grave

situation which threatens seriously the very structure and stability of the armistice itself."

Gen. Lee offered to hold a press briefing for Allied newsmen after the MAC meeting. At first one string was attached—Communist newsmen were to attend Gen. Parks' news conference. Later the Reds withdrew that provision.

Gen. Parks discussed the offer with 15 UN correspondents for almost an hour. He said he opposed it and could not permit it.

After two telephone calls to UN headquarters in Tokyo and talks with Lieut-General Elmer J. Rogers, Far East Command Chief of Staff, Gen. Parks told the newsmen:

"I do not consider it appropriate for representatives of the enemy side to enter my camp to attend my press conference. Conversely, I do not think accredited correspondents of the United Nations Command should enter their camp for similar conferences."

PROHIBITING IT

A correspondent asked Gen. Parks if he was prohibiting an opinion or prohibiting the meeting between the newsmen and the Reds. He said he was "prohibiting it."

Gen. Lee waited an hour and 40 minutes in the neutral circle for an answer to his press conference offer. When he left, Communist newsmen sent word to Allied newsmen through a Japanese correspondent for Kyodo News Service that they would "write many stories" about what they termed "the so-called free press."

Allied correspondents considered defying Gen. Parks' prohibition but decided not to go as far as to make a scene in front of the waiting Communists.

Associated Press.

Pravda Charges

Russian Industry Old-Fashioned

London, July 5.

Pravda charged today that Russian industry is old-fashioned.

The official Communist Party newspaper said, "Often the introduction of new, advanced methods is regarded by administrators as something that is not compulsory, only desirable, depending on their personal mood and views."

"What has been done for the dissemination of the best methods of work found by personnel of advanced enterprises and industrial innovators cannot yet be regarded as sufficient," Pravda said.

The story, broadcast by Radio Moscow, said, "The technical administration of the Ministry of Electrotechnical Industry shows a disdainful attitude to advanced experience."

Last night, the Communist Party Secretary, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, told Americans at a Fourth of July celebration in Moscow that he himself often complains about the industry, not because it is not good but because it could be better.

United Press.

ACROSS

- 1 Tale (5).
- 2 Vie with (7).
- 3 Kind of cap (5).
- 4 Consumes (4).
- 5 Fruit (4).
- 6 Clutch (4).
- 7 Solitary (5).
- 8 Look after (4).
- 9 Repair (4).
- 10 Choose (5).
- 11 Rotates (4).
- 12 Violent (7).
- 13 Repose (4).
- 14 Territory (5).
- 15 Daub (5).
- 16 Send out (4).
- 17 Difficulty (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Stress, 7 Eggs, 9 Over, 10 Lifes, 11 Hasp, 13 Restated, 15 Bed, 16 Lean, 19 Despondent, 22 Doom, 24 Price, 25 Vague, 26 Keen, 27 Silver. Down: 2 Tress, 3 Enter, 4 Select, 5 Tethered, 6 Ages, 9 Grade, 12 Pilot, 13 Ruled, 14 Tenement, 17 Adore, 18 Sparks, 20 Novel, 21 Eagle, 23 Open.

AIRMAN WILL PLEAD INSANITY

New York, July 5.

ELLIS F. Lantham, Jr., confessed he is a slayer of three members of a Texas family, will be tried for at least one of the murders in October and the State will ask for the death penalty.

The District Attorney, Mr. Maxine Johnson, said that the 25-year-old airman cannot be tried until then because Gaston district courts do not hold any sessions from July to October.

Mr. Johnson said that he would ask for the death penalty, and he added he puts no stock in the defendant's claim of insanity.

The Sheriff, Mr. Frank L. Blagrove, said yesterday that Lantham would be given a psychiatric examination as soon as possible.

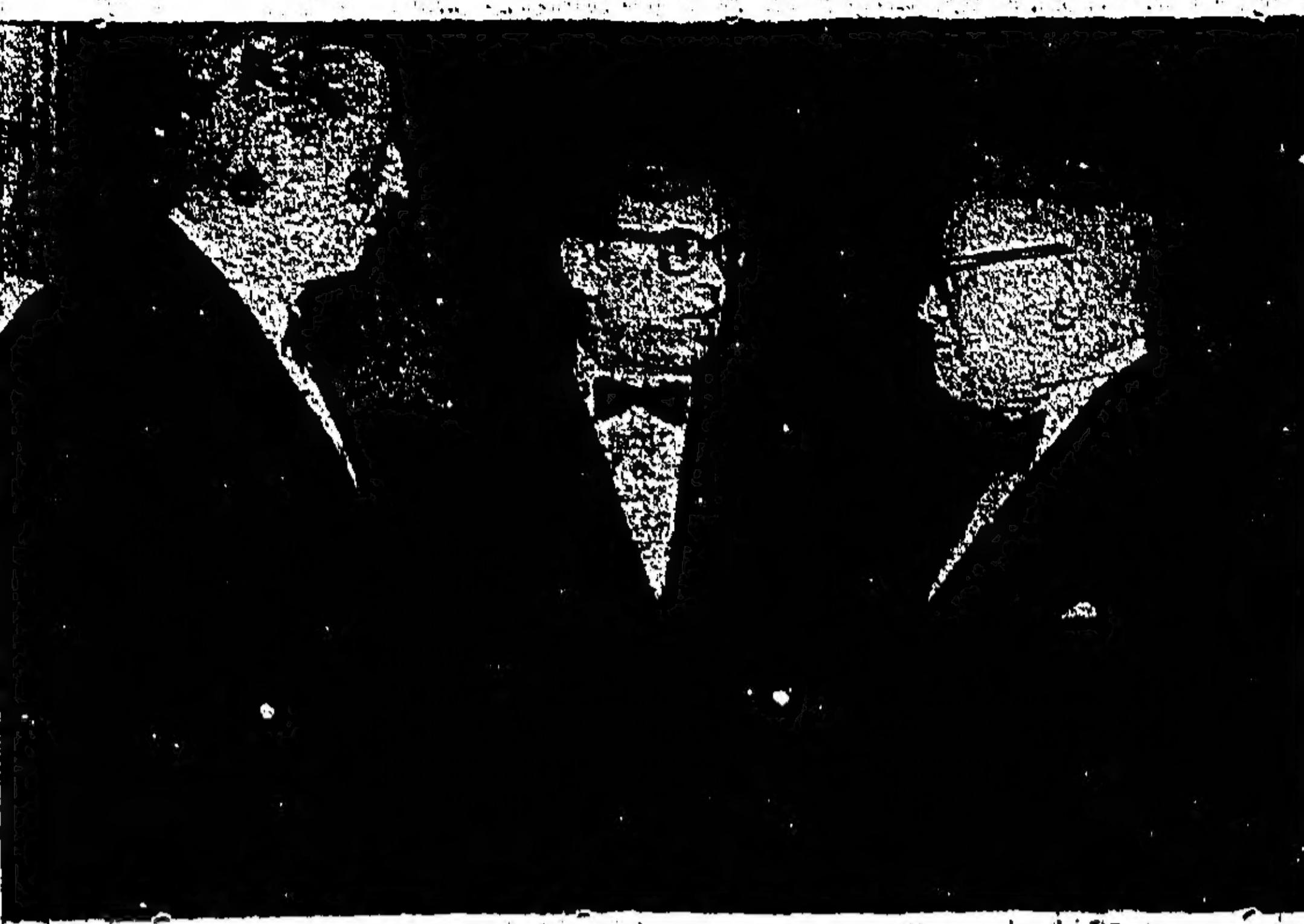
But Mr. Johnson said, "I have no plans for taking him to a psychiatrist. There is no need for it as far as I'm concerned."

Mr. Blagrove said that the hulky airman has indicated that he will plead insanity.

Lantham is charged with the June 22 murders of Mrs. Ruby McPherson, 42; her son George, 12; and her mother, Mrs. Zola Norman, 65.

All three were shot to death from close range as they slept in the McPherson's home near Dickinson, Texas. — United Press.

Dinner For Ambassador



Many notable personalities including the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Harold Macmillan and a member of the opposition party Mr. Herbert Morrison, were present at the Anglo-German Association dinner given at the Hyde Park Hotel, London, in honour of the new German Ambassador to Great Britain Herr Hans Heinrich von Herwarth. Picture shows: (left to right) Mr. Harold Macmillan, Herr Hans Heinrich von Herwarth and Mr. Herbert Morrison.—Express Photo.

Smash And Grab In Mayfair

London, July 5.

Bandits used a polo stick to smash a shop window in Mayfair today to grab expensive furs.

Thieves farther east heaved a "no parking" road sign through a tailor's window and helped themselves to \$3 suit lengths.—China Mail Special.

London, July 5.

Two more hoses were running away from home today by burrowing into their owners' lawns.

The baffled masters of two other sinking hoses, meanwhile, admitted defeat and either cut them off or dug them up.

The sudden impulse of garden hoses to get away from it all has attracted attention both in the United States and abroad and prompted scores of amateur explanations.

Hoses were still trying to get to China the hard way today at Downey, California, and Duluth, Minnesota.

London, July 5.

Mr. Robert Breeze of Downey reported that his hose had appropriately chosen a gopher hole in the ground to dive. At Duluth, 15 feet of Mr. Robert A. Wombacher's 50-foot hose had gone underground.

Nobody could pull the two hoses out. Every now and then they would give a wriggle and go a little deeper.

The most famous of the sinking hoses has, meanwhile, been set free, to roam where it pleases in the underworld.

Mr. George De Peso of Downey cut his plastic, nose-diving hose to make it easier to drive me nuts."

Mr. Peso became a celebrity when his hose started the disappearing act. He had no idea why his hose was leaving him and had originally planned to dig to the bottom of the mystery.

But he changed his mind because the hole would ruin his lawn.

The earth in the Downey area seemed particularly attractive to hoses, since Mr. Calvin Barham's hose also started burrowing in nearby Norwalk.

But Mr. Barham did not let the hose get away with it. He dug down and brought the hose back.

None of the four home owners could explain their sinking hoses, but they had plenty of free advice.

COMMON EXPLANATION

The most common explanation was that water pressure pushed the hoses down under.

Other thinkers, victims of a heat wave themselves, were convinced the hoses had found a sensible way to keep cool. — United Press.

Providence, R.I., July 5.

Mary Goldstein collapsed and died here five minutes after she had knelt at the death bed of her husband, 71, and cried: "I want to die with you." — China Mail Special.

Brother Turns Up After 48 Years

Pittsburgh, July 5.

A former world champion ski jumper and his sister, who wouldn't believe he was dead, were reunited on Tuesday for the first time in 48 years.

George Guldransen, 71, world champion ski jumper of 1902, and his sister, Mrs. Celia Cox, 69, embraced after her plane arrived here from San Francisco.

Guldransen and his sister lost track of each other after coming to America recently. Guldransen asked him to try to trace her.

Cleland found her name in the San Francisco telephone book and notified Guldransen, who sent his sister an airline ticket to Pittsburgh. She will remain for his birthday on July 17.

Guldransen said he didn't know how the story got out that he was killed. He said a fellow employee was killed in a scaffold accident in Cleveland but he was only injured. — Associated Press.

He added: "With this plane we intend to obtain sea-going experience essential for sound development of the best possible power plants for warships of the future." — China Mail Special.

WEALTHY DIVORCEE FOUND STRANGLED Houseboy Detained

Los Angeles, July 5.

A wealthy young society divorcee was found stabbed, beaten and strangled today in her fashionable Bel Air home and a few hours later a love-struck former houseboy was booked on suspicion of murder.

The victim was Mrs. Norma McCauley, 33, daughter of a millionaire contractor, who was divorced only four months ago.

Police identified the suspect as John Crocker, 34, a former houseboy who was employed by the McCauleys while attending law school.

ALLEGED INFATUATION

Friends of the victim reported that Crocker was infatuated with the divorcee and had asked her to marry him. He had left her employment only about a month before the police learned.

The victim was the ex-wife of Frank McCauley, a former Air Force Major. Crocker had been employed by the McCauleys for about a year as a houseboy, his chief job being to take care of the three McCauley children.

Mrs. McCauley's body was discovered with a knotted stole tightly drawn about her neck. A preliminary examination by Dr. Frederick Newbar disclosed two stab wounds above the heart, one in the left arm, and one in

the right arm as though she had been trying to shield herself from the knife blows. Dr. Newbar said:

Chief of Detectives Thad Brown, Jr., had theorized that robbery might have been the motive because Mrs. McCauley's purse was missing, but the stabbing indicated the possibility of some other motive. — United Press.

General Cut Off An Arm

Bedford, July 5.

General Sir Evelyn Barker has revealed he was directly responsible for one of the members of the British Limbless ex-Servicemen's Association.

The General was speaking at a meeting in Bedford during which the Mayor, Mr. R. G. Gale, presented cigarette lighters to ex-servicemen who had lost their arms.

The General told how at Dunkirk after a German plane had machine-gunned a beach he found a soldier with an arm badly wounded and summoning his Brigade Major he borrowed the Major's penknife and amputated the soldier's arm.

The soldier recovered in hospital in England.

"I was rather surprised he did recover considering somewhat the crude operation I performed," said the General. "I am glad he is not here or he would probably tell me what he thinks about me." — China Mail Special.

FRENCH ATTEMPT ON AIR RECORD

Paris, July 5.

A French-built Super Mystere jet fighter will shortly attempt to crack the world's airspeed record now held by United States Air Force Colonel M. Verdin. It was disclosed today.

The record attempt will be made in North Africa to take advantage of good flying weather there.

The Super Mystere made its first test flight last March and has already broken the sound barrier in level flight. It is equipped with a Rolls-Royce reactor built by Hispano-Suiza and after-burners which enables it to develop a 5,500 kilogramme thrust.

The Super Mystere, which is built by the Marcel Dassault firm, has done 1,212 kilometres per hour in practice flights. In the record attempt it will be flown by Major Paul Boudier, Dassault's chief test pilot. — France-Press.

GREY GOOSE FITTED WITH GAS TURBINES

Gosport, July 5.

To provide the Navy with further experience of marine gas turbines, HMS Grey Goose, renowned steam gunboat of the Second World War, has been converted into a floating test bed.

Fitted with two experimental Rolls-Royce marine gas turbines of an advanced design, the ship has joined in trials at Gosport.

A press party visiting HMS Hornet watched the demonstration on the Grey Goose.

Rear Admiral I. G. Maclean, Deputy Engineering Chief of the Navy, said the two Rolls-Royce engines in the Grey Goose were undoubtedly the most advanced marine gas turbines in the world today and represented very considerable technical achievements.

He added: "With this plant we intend to obtain sea-going experience essential for sound development of the best possible power plants for warships of the future." — China Mail Special.

DEATH IN THE RUE de MENTON . . .

DID IT
HAPPEN?

THEY take at Mar-
telle two sleeping
cars off the "Blue
Train" and couple
on a dining car. The train
was already on its way to
the Riviera when I went
into the dining car. I sat
down at the first table to the
right. A man with a large
flat face sat opposite.

At a first glance he could
have been taken for a
Scandinavian, but he spoke
to the waiter with a slight
Marseillais accent. He ob-
viously wanted to chat, and
because I didn't like his face
I didn't want to give
him the opportunity. The
February sun was mildly
warming the window.

"Where are you going?"
he asked.

"To Nice," I said, without
looking at him.

"I'm going to Saint
Rafael," he said. "Now this
is quite a coincidence. I
was travelling on this train
a few months ago, sitting at
this same table, and facing
me was another passenger,
butting his croissant like
you."

"How very interesting," I
said, hoping that would put an
end to our conversation.

"It isn't interesting yet," he
said, "but soon it will be very
interesting. That other traveller
looked very pleased with himself.
He sipped his coffee as
if there was nothing wrong in
the world." He laughed and his
teeth were broad and flat.
Their number was legion.

The smugglers . . .

"So I decided to pull his
leg. His satisfied face simply
asked for it. As you know
there was a lot of talk in those
days of cigarette smugglers,
and first I asked him what he
thought of those who smuggled
American cigarettes from
Tangier.

"He said he despised people
who didn't earn their living
with hard, honest work. It was
the sort of answer I expected
from him."



I caught you," he said, slapping me hard on the shoulder. "What fun it was."

He paused. "My name is dining-car facing a stranger, Marchant, quite an ordinary name, easy to remember."

Before I had time out of sheer politeness to give him a completely respectable person. The car was full and the scent of mimosa from outside succeeded somehow in penetrating the smell of coffee.

"I like a joke," said Marchant.

"So I said to him I was a smuggler myself. He wasn't impressed and said in that case

smugglers looked more respectable than he had expected them to look. That rather annoyed me and I decided to pull his leg in a big way. I told him, naturally dropping my voice, that I was a murderer. That impressed him."

"It wouldn't impress me," I said, disliking him more and more.

"Now wouldn't it?" he said. "If I gave you all the gruesome details that I gave him? I wonder!"

"I told him he lived at 88 Rue de Menton because those were the first number and street name that came to me. You are evading the issue," he said. "You're sitting in a

I don't really know. Besides, it's unlikely that I'd believe it."

The victim

"I see," he said, "you think it's unlikely. He believed it and I let him have the details. I told him the man, that is, the victim, had lived in Nice because, like you, that other traveller was going to Nice."

"I told him he lived at 88 Rue de Menton because those were the first number and street name that came to me. You are evading the issue," he said. "You're sitting in a

I had watched unobserved the

house, watching especially the concierge, studying her habits because I wanted to go into the house and leave it unnoticed. The important thing, I explained to him, was to be unnoticed. The concierge went out to do her shopping at nine in the morning. At five past nine I rang the bell of the flat in which the double-crosser lived. At ten past nine he was dead."

"You're not impressing me," I said.

"I see I'm not," said Marchant, "but I didn't expect to, although I did impress the other man. He just sat and shuddered."

"It would have served you jolly well if he had pulled the alarm."

"People don't do that. Now I'll tell you the end of the story, which is quite extraordinary, I suppose. I'm a good storyteller and got under the influence of the story I told. Self-hypnotism or whatever you want to call it, and 88, Rue de Menton refused to leave my mind."

"In a few days' time I went to

Nice. It was irresistible; I

couldn't stop myself. I went

into the Rue de Menton and

found No. 88. There it was.

It didn't come out of my tale; it existed."

"Yes," I said because I was becoming interested.

"I went in, saw the con-

cierge and asked her point

blank whether any crime had

been recently committed in the

house. I said I was a journalist

and held out a good tip. She

said no, and I felt a fool. Now

you are no longer sneering?"

"I'm not sneering," I said.

"What happened?"

"She said I must have come to the wrong address, but we chatted on. As you know I like talking, and in the course of conversation she was speaking of the people who lived in the house—the she said that one Monsieur Tellier hadn't been seen for days. She wondered whether he was ill. He lived alone and hadn't even a char-

woman. "I shouted to her to telephone for the police at once. I shouted I suspected crime. Frightened, she went to the telephone, rang the police. Came the police, they broke into the flat and found him murdered. Now what do you think of that? Your coffee is growing cold."

He was waiting for my answer as though that were the sign for him to pounce on me. "Extraordinary," I said.

"It must have been," went on Marchant. "A sort of telepathy between the murdered man and me. As I began the story in the train it must have been he who spoke through my words. I can find no other explanation."

"Nor can I," I said.

"But that isn't the end," said Marchant, pouring himself out a glass of Vichy water. "The police hadn't the faintest idea

of what had happened."

"I don't know what to say," I said.

"You look quite white," he said with satisfaction.

He glanced out through the window and I sat staring at him. We didn't speak, and the train rocked among pines and mimosa. After a while Marchant jumped up.

"We'll soon be in Saint Rafael," he said, "and so I leave you with your thoughts."

"There will be plenty," I said.

He began to laugh. The volume of his boisterous laughter filled the dining car, which was already half empty. Some people looked up and stared at him.

"I caught you," he said, slapping me on the shoulder.

"I did enjoy our chat."

He turned back from the door as the train slowed down.

"Don't forget the address," he called. "It's 88 Rue de Menton."

I was glad to see him go.

During the rest of the journey he refused to leave my mind. It was, I admitted, a

A strange story . . . but could it be true? That is for YOU to decide. For the stories in this FACT or FICTION series pose this problem . . . Did it really happen?

Tomorrow the answer will be published.

Where to look for the murderer, although they knew that the quiet little man had been, from the police's point of view, a good for nothing, though never convicted.

"Still under the influence of my story I said he must lately have been mixed up in smuggling and the police should look for the murderer among smugglers, most of whom I know, but can't always catch."

"Within a fortnight the murderer was found. He was a smuggler and the murder was committed exactly as I had invented it. The guillotine put the final end to the story. What do you think of that?"

The Rue de Menton was a long street with many blocks of flats which in more spacious days had been villas or hotels. I walked slowly, dogs trotted beside women, nursery maids pushed pramulators with dogs trotting behind the pramulators, and dogs trotted in front of men on their way to the bistro. Came number 84, then

86.

They did not bring contempt upon themselves by exposing their bodies on beaches. If they played games it was only croquet or bat-ball tennis. Although they may have been as tough as they are now they were clever enough to appear helpless so that even eight-year-old men like myself would rush to their assistance if they appeared in danger. Nicely brought up boys were all little St Georges ready and anxious to rescue damsels in distress to rescue damsels in distress.

How do the damsels of today appear to the little St George of 1935?

If he looks at the newspapers he can see damsels in the Army blowing out fat cheeks over trumpets or whacking drums with their powerful arms. Or he can see sergeant-major damsels, their lovely jaws cracked wide open, yelling orders on parade.

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Good Sugar Puss, I can only say that they know nothing about America. If they get steamed up about little things like that because, over here, anything goes to long as you win and get the dough.

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Just about," said Don't Know. "Make it snappy."

"I wish she wouldn't keep on asking me questions," said Floating Vote. "She wants to know how I believe in freedom under a Conservative Government or restrictions and higher income tax under the Socialists. Who would believe in higher income tax except people without incomes?"

"No idea," said Don't Know. "She asked me if I thought the price of tea and bacon and butter had risen since 1951. Do you know anything about that?"

"Not a clue," said Floating Vote. "The prices have either risen or they haven't. So what's the use of asking me? I'm not a grocer."

"Perhaps she hasn't a clue herself," said Don't Know. "Haven't another drink?"

"It's a good idea," said Floating Vote.

"It always was a good idea," said Don't Know.

"I didn't mean that," said Floating Vote. "I meant why not ask her a few questions for a change?"

"I wouldn't dare," said Don't Know.

"Why not?" asked Floating Vote. "She's only human."

"She doesn't look human to me," said Don't Know.

"You mustn't insult the ladies," said Floating Vote. "I won't have it."

"All right," said Don't Know. "Let's have a drink to them ladies."

"The ladies," said Floating Vote. "What questions shall we ask them?"

"Search me," said Don't Know.

"I never know answers to such questions," said Don't Know.

"Don't talk rubbish," said Floating Vote. "You ask ques-

NATHANIEL GIBBINS

I SEE that a Mr F. Lockwood, of the National Employers' Association of Vehicle Builders, is just another citizen complaining that the boys of today have no manners and do not give up their seats to women in crowded buses.

When I was a boy I was taught to stand when women entered a room, open doors for them, give up my seat to them in crowded vehicles, and to raise my cap in the street to any woman I knew, particularly charwomen.

The last injunction was evidently intended to stifle any class consciousness that might have been lurking in the breast of the little Gibbins.

But when I was a boy the ritual of woman worship seemed more understandable because women loved and behaved like women and not like men. They were modest and quiet. They did not smoke or wear trousers. Although I was not aware of it at the time only unspeakable public-houses.

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The night I fought the English champion, Hastings Tibbs, we all felt sorry for the guy, except Joe who was on 40 percent, because we all knew the fight was framed. The Butcher stood up straight with his left paw out like old-fashioned pictures of Jean Mac. He thought it was going to be a fight between gentlemen who gave my manager the horse-laff because to Joe "gentleman" was only a ricky name for a sucker.

When the Butcher started by giving me a lady-like tap on the nose this was the signal for the boys, to give him the wicks. I ducked in under his guard and bit him in the stomach. Joe got behind him and bit his tall and even the ref joined in to finish him off.

As Joe said we didn't need no bell unless it was for the Butcher's funeral.

Anyway I see we have one gentleman in United States boxing circles, and of all people it is Rocky Marciano. One of your sports writers says "outside the ring he is gentlemanly, full of natural good manners, kind to children, the aged, and the ailing."

Well Honey Cat, that is more than you could say of Joe who would sock his old mother if he thought he could get the fall of a sardine out of it.

As usual I shall be in London for the season when I hope to meet a lot of swell dames in the alleys of Piccadilly. I shall also visit you in your home town, but get a load of this. If any English cat has been making a pass at you then he will get the full Marciano treatment and no foolin'.

Keep those hips swinging, Sugar Puss, on my way.

MANHATTAN MOUSER.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Study This Hand For Valuable Tips

By OSWALD JACOBY

ONE of the most interesting hands of the Eastern Championships came from the first event on the programme, the Men's Pairs. Alfred Sheinwold, well-known New York expert and bridge author, got himself into an unusual contract, but managed to scramble to safety when the defence slipped.

Sheinwold's decision to re-open the bidding was based on the principles he stated in his excellent new book, "How to Bid and Play in Duplicate Tournaments." He wrote: "If the opponents stop at the seven or eight-trick level, you or your partner must pause before the final pass and decide whether or not to intervene."

"In many cases the last man to speak will re-open the bidding; and in some of these cases he will find that he has stepped into a buzz saw. Never-



YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

BORN today, you need to plan to spend at least part of your time in the country. Guard against acting strictly on impulse. You are sympathetic and kindly toward all whom you consider deserving and might easily become interested in some important reform movement; You have the gift of the spoken word and will be able to speak persuasively on almost any subject in which you are whole-heartedly interested.

You are not as inclined to push yourself forward as you might be. If you were to pay a little more attention to your own needs you would advance faster toward your goal. You are especially interested in the arts and sciences and will be in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let work. Although you enjoy the activity of the city, you should guide.

THURSDAY, JULY 7

CANCER (June 22-July 23)— Think carefully before you act on any new idea. It may need some testing before you start it going.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)— There are cross-currents in today's aspects, so take it easy. To follow your impulses may not be wise.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)— If you will be as conservative in your actions as you are accurate, then you can win an important advantage.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)— You may be rather discouraged about something important to your future. Be patient and it will work out all right.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)— If you really work hard today, you can offset any adverse tendencies that may be floating around.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Put a guard on your temper-tantrums, maybe?—if you are to avoid real trouble.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—You must be cautious when it comes to expanding business interests or there can be error.

One of the advantages of making "pushing" bids is that the opponents sometimes fail to realize how far you have crawled out on the limb, and, as in this case, they wind up pushing instead of pulling you.

CARD Sense

Q.—The bidding has been: North East South West
1 Spade Pass 2 Clubs Pass
2 Diamonds Pass ?
You, South, hold:
A ♦ K 8 6 3 ♦ 7 5 2 ♦ K J 10 7 5 3
What do you do?

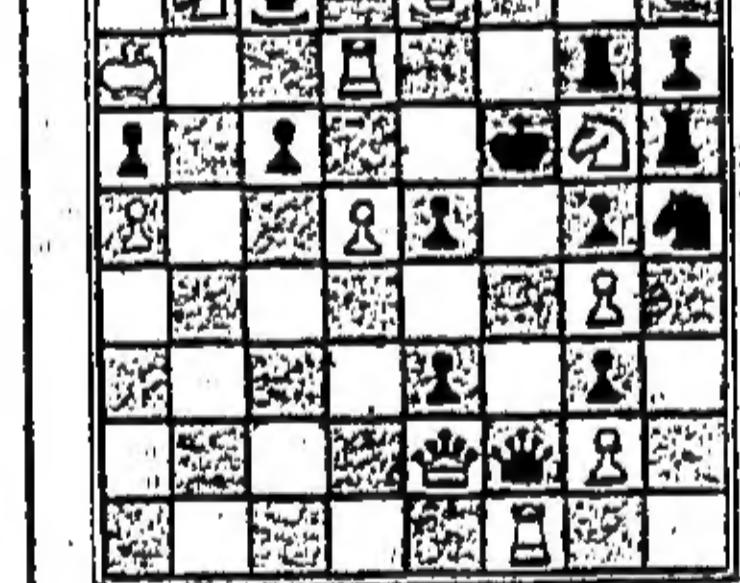
A.—Pass. You didn't really have a sound response of two clubs, but you were afraid of spades and didn't want to bid no-trump with a void suit. You now take the opportunity to get out safely.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
A ♦ K 8 6 3 ♦ 7 5 2 ♦ K J 10 7 5 3
What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By J. BUCHWALD
Black, 23 pieces.



White, 12 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. K-B2. 1 . . . Q-B4; 2. K-Q6 (ch); 1 . . . R-K5; 2. P-P (ch); 1 . . . K-XP; 2. Q-K7 (ch).

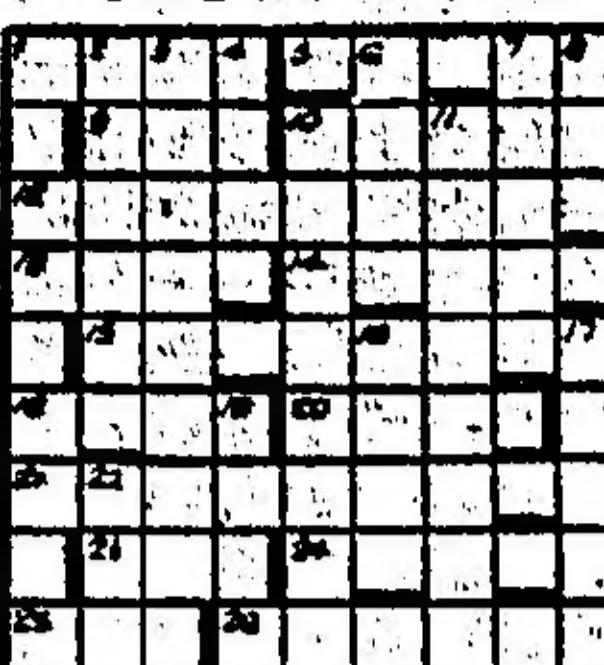
PROBLEMS: And where is this paradise?

Myself: You must guess. Those who talk too loudly of such places today are over-hedged, and the bungy-travellers get to work. I will only tell you that by some magic of the heart's geography it is within easy walking distance of Brocante, and almost in sight of Avenue, from the top of a high pass you can see very faint in the mists, By Brasal and the Gardens of the Hespérides. You never walk far these days, for Hespérides killed the dragon long ago.

Pedro: This is all very straightforward and helpful.

NO doubt foul tongues are wagging. Once when I was walking in the Carpetians, my fellow-hack, Timothy Sky, lurking in London spread a rumour that I was staying in Swindon with the old barker who writes this column for me, for 25s a week and an annual tea-lunch in the Ossocod Cafe. When I came home I was met by jeering friends, and my boasting froze on my lips.

CROSSWORD



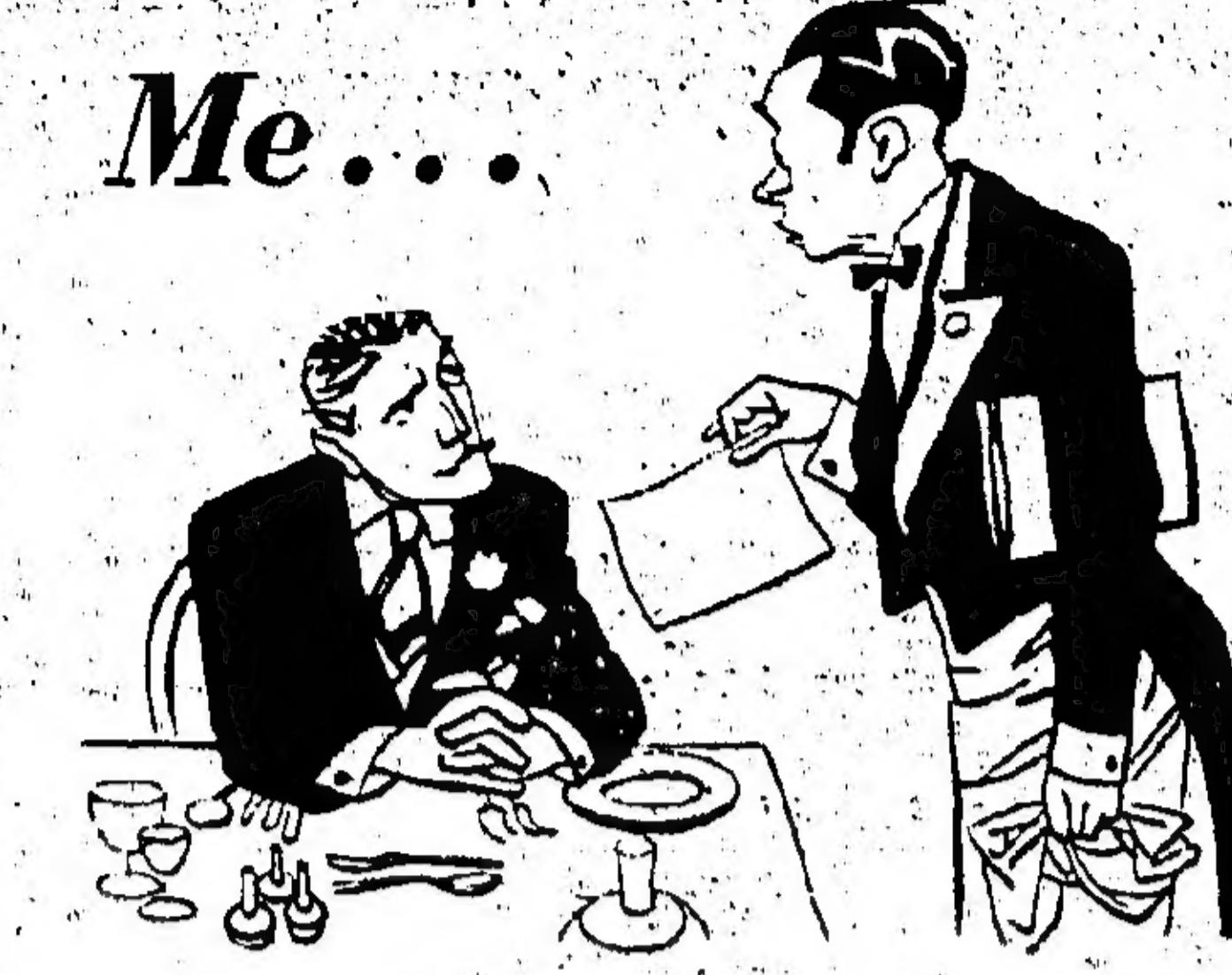
Across
1. It may be elastic or firm. (4)
3. Peas almost in return. (8)
5. Says the cow. (3)
10. She passes. (5)
12. I'd try room for an anagram of one. (9)
13. Describes an inglorious Milton. (4)
14. You can see this often on Ley. (3)
18. This time is a cooling one for sleep. (8)
19. You get the big kind on Pages. (4)
20. A stranger to fiction. (6)
21. Like got in—to Savile-row, apparently. (9)
23. Gun forms a South African. (4)
24. Captain of the Bab Ballads. (8)
25. Sign of the yearman. (3)
26. Your little boy succeeds only when he knows it. (8)

Dowm
1. Game for a stately home. (9)
2. Answer would could give to the query. (7) (15)
3. What will the robin do then when this is around? (5, 4)
4. Like one may mean that for which is stored underneath. (4)
6. Shakespeare mixed this up with a true true. (8)
7. It sits in front of the stars. (5)
8. Purse and purse are now a Robertson ship, with a name of 7 down. (8)
11. You take this out by way of Ben Jonson was so delighted at the first time he saw it. (15)
12. Found green in the garden. (5)
13. Went to the tides. (4)
14. Long long song. (15)
22. Long long song. (15)
23. The song. (3)

Yesterday's solution

WOMANSENSE Waiter, Surprise Me... AN INVITING HALLWAY

By Eleanor Ross



HOW many homes really have attractive entrance halls? As a rule, the average foyer, vestibule or entrance hall is a dark place with uninteresting furniture, haphazardly placed—a spot that leads to the living room.

As for furniture, a console table, a desk, a comfortable chair, or one of those decorative tole or brass and wrought iron umbrella stands, help key the space. So too does a pretty but serviceable tray or salver for cards or mail.

With a little imagination, the entrance can be a most interesting spot.

CHIC SUMMER COAT



Madame Fath presents this summer coat of grosgrain with a blue and grey floral pattern on white background. — Agence France-Presse.

London. "Waiter, surprise me," said the man dining at the next table. And the phrase set me thinking.

How few dishes one can recall that have extra ingredients! So few, in fact that I can remember them all.

I went out to dinner with a friend—and the first course was a delicious surprise! A poached egg served cold on a bed of salmon flaked into real mayonnaise.

I went to a restaurant in Soho, and over a medallion of port-coq en gelée in butter, came a surprising sauce!

To the butter was added chopped onions and parsley and mushrooms, and then, at the last minute, cream and white wine and brandy.

—ANNE EDWARDS

Household Hints

This is the way to keep your sweaters shapely and ready to wear: Never overheat the pockets as they sag out of shape. Do not put sweaters on hangers between wearings; fold them neatly and lay them in a drawer. Before washing, baste the buttonholes together, so they won't stretch out of shape.

She cooked the liver in butter in a separate pan, and when lifting it out added a handful of chipped parsley and a little red wine to the juice.

I tried my hand at a new recipe for lunch—and surprised myself! Pork chops baked with potatoes. And here is the recipe.

Peel 2 lb. of potatoes and slice them thinly and evenly. Brown four pork chops in a frying pan. Arrange half the potatoes in a wide oven dish, put the meat on

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If you find spots on suede shoes or bags that ordinary brushing won't remove, try the following: Lightly rub each spot with an emery board, then steam over a boiling kettle.

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Brighten it up with pale, lovely pastels or gaudy florals.

—Anne Edwards

It is a good idea, in many instances, to pick up one of the interior colours, but in a brighter shade. This will act as a tie-in between the hall and the rest of the house—especially if there is a view of the rooms from the hallway. Since the entrance space is usually small, it won't take a mint to do it over.

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DANISH GESTURE



Kurt Nielsen of Denmark "crows" America's Tony Trabert with the top of the trophy which the American had just won by beating him in the final of the Men's Singles in the Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon.

Trabert had just received the trophy from the Duchess of Kent, President of the All-England Lawn Tennis Club.—Reuterphoto.

SUMMER LEAGUE SOFTBALL

South China Trounce Rookie Filipinos To The Tune Of 20-3

Veteran South China Athletics trounced the rookie Filipinos 20-3 in the Summer Softball League opener yesterday at King's Park before a good crowd. W. K. Wong fanned 18 out of 27 batters facing him and yielded only one hit and four free tickets.

The young Filipinos took the offensive first but were held scoreless during the first two frames while the Athletics took full advantage of their weak opposing hurler to aggregate nine hits, including a bingle by L. C. Poon and a two-run homer by P. C. Wong, and nine runs during the same period.

The hard trying youngsters were rewarded with two runs during the third frame as first batter Ryder Getz finally was passed after he had failed a number of times after full count and Fernando Diesta Jr. next pulled out a sizzling grounder over the keystone sack which the fielder missed. Both Getz and Diesta Jr. circled the diamond in time to save a shut-out.

Both sides made no further headway in the fourth and the Athletics again ran wide in the fifth. They added another four runs to put the game on ice and the score now stood at 13-2.

During the sixth, John Cheng of the Filipinos Club was hit

by the pitcher and reached first by a walk after one down. With a steal and on a wild pitch, he was in scoring position. Reynaldo Pacheco batted the ball outside the foul line but the spinning sphere rolled in to be fair and alerted John Cheng slid home safely though Ray Pacheco was put out on first.

SERIES OF MISSES

South China again ran wide during the second half of the sixth. The young Cubsters played erroneously when they were fielding. Three runs were lost through a series of misses.

Though they forced two outs, the Athletics were again taken and another four runs came in through a walk and three good one-basers in a row.

The losses went out quickly on the last try and the final score stood 20-3 in favour of South China.

Batting honours of the day went to K. T. Leung of South China who obtained a perfect three in three. Athletics L. C. Poon and K. C. Leung made good also with three in five and C. M. Tsang and S. C. Wong with two in four.

P. C. Wong slugged a two-run home during the second inning.

Other hitters of the Athletics were Y. K. Chan, Y. F. Chan and C. W. Ng. The lonely hitter and hero of the Filipinos was Fernando Diesta Jr.

The line-ups were:

Philippines—D. Santana (p), J. Cheng (2b), R. Racoco (c), Belote (1b), B. Carlson (1f), A. Ribeiro (3b), G. Lawrence and J. Echel (rf), R. Getz (ss), F. Diesta Jr. (rf).

South China—K. T. Leung (ss), C. M. Tsang (1b) and Y. F. Chan (2b), L. C. Poon (1f), Y. K. Chan (3b), K. C. Leung (rf & 1b), P. C. Wong and C. W. Ng (dt), S. C. Wong (c), W. K. Kan and K. F. Chan (2b), W. K. Wong (p).

JAGUARS IN

The Philippines "B" withdrew from the league due to insufficient players. However, the Hongkong Softball Association have permitted the late entry of the Jaguars to fill in the gap. So on Thursday, July 7, The Jaguars will play the U.S. Navy. Jaguars were a very strong team and softballers must remember that they have closely baited the Braves during 1950-51 and 1951-52, when the latter were in top form, to take the Senior "A" pennant.

Therefore, this game on Thursday will be a good one and the League will see keen competition among Jaguars, U.S. Navy, South China and Panthers, the three-time Summer Champions.

Amsterdam, July 5. Results in the sixth round of the European Bridge Championship here today were:

Open Pairs: Austria-Holland 0-2 (36-60); Germany-Denmark 0-2 (48-58); Britain-Finland 2-0 (83-30); France-Belgium 2-0 (57-33); Ireland-Norway 0-2 (83-74); Sweden-Switzerland 2-0 (66-45); Italy was free. —Reuter.

EIGHTH TIE SINCE THE WAR ABSORBING DAY'S CRICKET AT EASTBOURNE ENDS IN POINTS SHARED

London, July 5. With Surrey winning yesterday to take a 20 points lead over nearest rivals Yorkshire, who were without a County game, the first tied match of the season between Hampshire and Sussex featured the current County Cricket Championship programme which ended today.

An absorbing day's cricket at Eastbourne ended dramatically with hotouts and points shared. Set to get 140 to win, Hampshire lost eight wickets for 84.

Then Vic Caughey and Peter Sainsbury added 55 runs to the score. The last two wickets fell without a run being added. It was the eighth tie in County cricket since the war. The last tie was between Yorkshire and Leicestershire last season.

Hampshire head the Championship table with 144 points from 13 games. Yorkshire come next with 128 from 14 followed by Lancashire 92 from 14 and Hampshire 86 from 14.

Worcestershire, still without a win in 12 matches, are bottom

Booking Officials Expect 1½ Million Fans To Watch Olympic Games

Melbourne, July 5. Booking officials for the 1956 Olympic Games expect more than one and half million fans to click the turnstiles during the big 16-day programme late next year.

With a busy team of workmen now adding a 40,000-seat stand to the Melbourne Cricket Ground — Olympic venue — total accommodation for all venues runs to more than 200,000. However, the organisers have staggered events, anticipating daily crowds of up to about 100,000.

The chief executive officer, Mr. William Bridgeford, believes that 100,000 capacity would be a practicable figure.

SWIMMING POOL

Lightest accommodation at main venues is at the modernistic swimming pool — part of the re-designed Olympic Park venue. Here 5,000 spectators will fill the indoor stadium.

Bookings for swimming night events and finals are already closed in Australia, but a few overseas visitors may still gain the coveted tickets.

At the soccer stadium, set in the centre of the athletic training tracks, terraced vantage points allow for a 33,000 crowd, while a stand will accommodate 2,600 more. Similar accommodation for 23,000 is available at the hockey and cycling track arena.

A total of 8,000 fight fans will fit into the new boxing stadium steadily rising from the ashes of the old one which was destroyed by fire last January.—United Press.

FUEL-FORCED BATTING

Some forceful batting by Essex helped them beat Nottinghamshire by 95 runs. Notts were set to score 215 to win but good bowling by leaper Green-

smith, who took four for 27, thwarted their efforts.

Safely negotiating 20 minutes of extra time, Oxford University forced a draw in the Varsity match at Lord's. Cambridge have won 46. Oxford 42 and 21 drawn. Left 255 minutes to obtain 313 to victory, Oxford made 230 for six. Michael Smith helped the game with an innings of 104 (11 fours) in 160 minutes. He and the captain, Williams, put on 103 for the fourth wicket.—Reuter.

**YOUTH OF SINGAPORE
TO GET £250 TO
PLAY BASKETBALL**

London, July 5.

Sir George Thomas, donor of the Thomas Cup for badminton and lifelong promoter of the game, is to give £250 to encourage the youths of Singapore to play another sport — basketball.

Sir George himself, a former British badminton and chess champion, landed here today from Singapore, where he attended the final stages of this year's Thomas Cup.

He told reporters he had now decided to extend his interest in sport to basketball — second only in popularity to badminton in Malaya.

Lopez selected Sherman Lollar, Chicago, as his other catcher and added outfielders Al Smith and Larry Doby of Cleveland and Jackie Jensen of Boston.

The public selected the following lineup:

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Both the starting infield, Lopez named Harry Avila and Al Rosen of Cleveland, Chico Rosales of Chicago, and Vic Power of Kansas City.

Steve Granek of Detroit and Don Mossi of Cleveland will pitch batting practice and Bill Lobe of Cleveland will be their catcher.

In all, the American League will have eight players on the All-Star squad for the first time. They are Doohan, Score, Smith, Kaline, Hoef, Power, Sullivan and Wilson.

The American League holds a 13-8 edge in the series and won last year's game at Cleveland, 11-9.—Associated Press.

SI GEORGE SAYS: "I am asking those concerned to ensure that this money is used to encourage basketball among the boys and girls under the age of 19 and I hope too that they will ensure that all schools, no matter what section of the community they serve, should be encouraged to participate."

"I have decided to send the money direct to the new Governor, Sir Robert Black, knowing full well that he will ensure that the money is used in the best interests of the youth of Singapore."

He said a cheque will be posted tomorrow. —China Mail Special.

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TROPHY FOR A BRITISH PAIR



The Duchess of Kent (centre) smiles her pleasure as she presents the Ladies' Doubles trophy to British girls Angela Mortimer (left) and Ann Shilcock at Wimbledon. They had just beaten Shirley Bloomer and Pat Ward, also of Great Britain, in two straight sets, 7-5, 6-1. — Reuterphoto.

Six Services Cyclists Invited To Compete In Malaya Road Race

By "NTACA"

News has at long last been received of the Singapore Road Race. An invitation to send a Six-man Combined Services Team had arrived, together with details of the event.

Covering a total distance of 250 miles, it comprises four stages in three days. First day is a 95 Miles Massed Start race, from Singapore to Batu Pahat. The second day is divided into two stages, the first of which is a Time Trial of 31 Miles (Batu Pahat to Muar), and the second a 26-mile Massed Start, from Muar to Malacca.

The final stage is another Massed Start event, this time of 98 miles, leaving Malacca and finishing at Kuala Lumpur.

Races are, on the whole, good and without very many hills, but the distances and speed of the race should make a very hard event.

First, second and third awards will be made for each of the stages, with prizes for the first six on General Classification. There will also be a "King of the Mountains" award, together with a trophy for the winning team.

The race has been made possible by the donation of \$1,000 by the British firm of J.A. Phillips.

On Sunday, the RAF Novice Competition held a 16-mile Time Trial over one circuit of the Massed Start course, with James of the 7 Hussars winning from the Scratch mark in 42-05.

In second place was Templeton (Essex) whose two-minute allowance gave him a net time of 42-24. Lum, (REME CC) filling third place two seconds behind.

James' time was the fastest of the day, Beck being a minute slower in a private trial over the same route. An extremely good ride was that of Au Cheung Sing (SCAA), whose 44-11 actual time gained him fifth place with 42-56. Some very good handicapping placed the leading five within one minute. The Essex team once again walked away with the team award, and are now leading in both competitions.

For the greater part of the game, it appeared that all the scoring would be by the Chinese team out-classed a Wangnau, Tarmaki and Marawati combined team at Wangnau today scoring 11-1. The visitors' postional play and combination easily buffered the New Zealanders, whose performance was rather dispirited. The Chinese also proved too fast for the New Zealanders.

Well done! It is good to read of our old friends and many of you will remember Captain H. A. G. Keates, who was one of the founder members of the pre-war Cycling Association in the Colony.

At 45 years of age, Keates won his first Army Championship when the outmanoeuvred his two opponents in the final of the RASC Sprint Championship to get away to a long lone lead and push his nose first over the line.

An excellent performance, particularly as the last time he rode on a track was way back in 1939 when he won eight of nine events at Caroline Hill.

On the 7th of this month the Tour de France sets off on its nearly 3,000-mile journey. With it goes the first ever team to ride the Union Jack in the "Greatest of all Road Races."

The Auckland Football Association is confident that Saturday's receipts will top £25,000 if the day is fine.

The first Test was drawn 1-1. New Zealand won the second 7-4. —Reuter.

FINANCIAL SUCCESS

Auckland, July 5.

The £5,000 gamble of the New Zealand Football Association to give a boost to the game here by bringing the Hongkong South China team to the Dominion looks like paying off.

To clear expenses on the team's visit a £2,750 gate—the biggest of the tour—is needed for the final Test at Auckland on Saturday, but already £2,000 has been received by advance sales.

The tour will be the first by an overseas team to meet with financial success in New Zealand for 31 years.

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Israel Finishing Biggest Water Pipeline In The Middle East

By ERIC GOTGETREU
Associated Press Correspondent

Tel-Aviv, July 5.
At one end of Israel the Yarkon River lazily flows into the Mediterranean.

At the other end the Negev desert remains unproductive because of lack of water.

But this imbalance will not endure much longer. A huge 66-inch pipeline—the biggest in the Middle East—is scheduled to go into operation this month. It will carry nearly half of the Yarkon's water 60 miles south to the Negev for irrigation. Instead of flowing into the sea, the Yarkon will help create farms, fields and plantations in the barren area east and northeast of Egyptian-held "Gaza Strip."

THE PLANS

The technical plans for the project, as shown in detail on the accompanying map, were drafted by "Tahal," the Israel Government's Water Authority.

The network about ready for use is only the first stage of plans for the Yarkon; in the second a pipeline paralleling the one shown on the map will be built. It will carry both Yarkon water and chemically purified sewage water from Tel-Aviv.

The water directed to the south will make its journey through giant underground pipes manufactured in Israel. On its way it will be raised 650 to 800 feet to the elevation of the plateau in the south. Three pumping stations will do the lifting. At intervals, the water will be distributed through a network of smaller pipelines and channels.

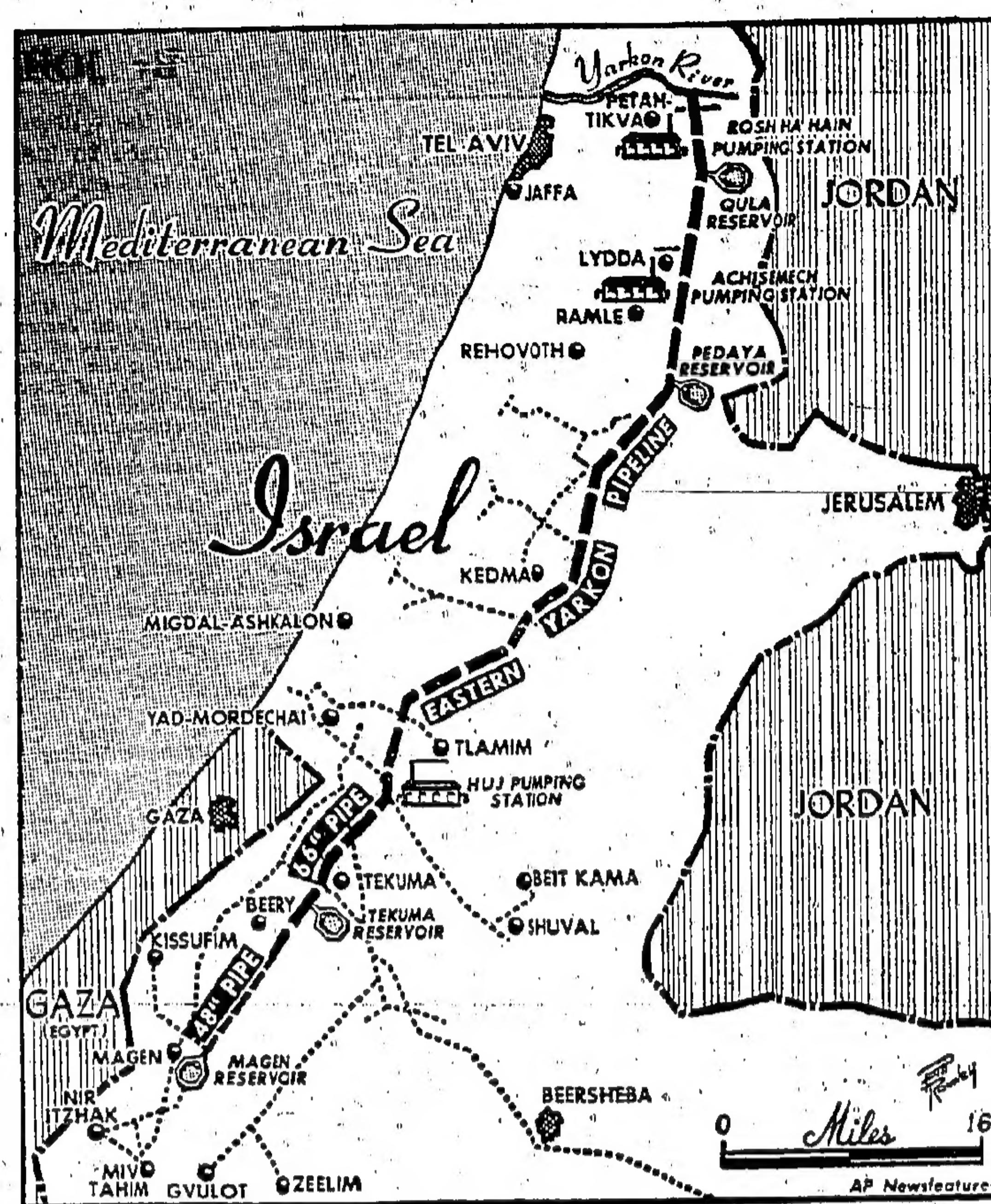
About 75,000 acres of land will be irrigated with the Yarkon pipeline when both branches are in operation. Since about 2½ acres of irrigable land are needed per farming family, this should be sufficient to maintain 30,000 families. Part of the area served by the pipeline is now under irrigation, but only with very limited local ground water resources which in the future will be used primarily for domestic needs.

INTEGRATION

The Yarkon pipeline is to be integrated later into the general Israeli water programme devised by Tahal to expand the country's irrigation system and increase its economic capacity, an increase demanded by the continuous growth in population. In 1948, when Israel was established, only 57,500 acres were irrigated. By the end of this year, the irrigated area will reach almost 250,000 acres. In the next 10 years, during which additional large scale projects will be carried out, the volume of water available will irrigate 750,000 acres, according to a Tahal expert.

This will be in addition to covering the industrial and domestic needs of a population of about three million (Israel's present population is 1,700,000).

Tahal's water programme for the next decade comprises—apart from the completion of the Yarkon system—several projects in upper Galilee; in the Jezreel



Valley of the central Jordan basin; and finally the weighted down with harnessing of the Jordan political complications and under discussion by Arab states.

HANGING OF RUTH ELLIS

Marlowe's Creator Disgusted

London, July 5.
Mr Raymond Chandler, American creator of the tough, laconic "private eye" detective character Philip Marlowe, said in a letter to the Evening Standard he was "tormented" and "disgusted" at the prospect of the execution on July 13 of Ruth Ellis, convicted here recently of shooting to death a former lover.

Mr Chandler, author of "The Big Sleep," "Lady in the Lake" and other mayhem-and-murder classics, wrote:

"As a part-time resident and full-time friend and admirer of England, I have always, until now, respected its legal system — as has most of the world. But there is at times a vein of savagery that repels me."

"I have been tormented for a week at the idea that a highly civilised people should put a rope around the neck of Ruth Ellis and drop her through a trap and break her neck. I could understand perhaps the hanging of a woman for a bestial crime like a multiple poisoning, and age murder (a la Lizzie Borden) or a baby-farm operator killing her charges, but this was a crime of passion under considerable provocation. No other country in the world would hang this woman."

"In France she would get off with a light sentence or none. In America it would be first or second degree manslaughter and she would be out of prison in anywhere from three and a half to seven years."

"This thing haunts and so far as I may say it, disgusts me as something obscene. I am not referring to the trial, of course, but to the medieval savagery of the law." Mr Chandler concluded. — China Mail Special.

Dollars May Rebuild Australian Railway System

Melbourne, July 5.
Australia's politicians are again toying with a 50-year-old dream of a unified railway system through Australia which American dollars might make a reality.

Mr William Wentworth, a Liberal member of the Federal House of Representatives, has reported on his return from the United States that the Export Import Bank in Washington or the International Bank would "certainly" make money available to standardise the chaotic Australian rail gauges.

State isolation and independent railway building policies in pre-Federation days of Australia led to a mixture of railway gauges which for years has brought inconvenience and expense to travellers and freighters.

The first stage would be to join Fremantle, Perth's port and Sydney, by standard gauge tracks through Broken Hill to the mining town of Albury where Victoria's 5 ft 3 in. tracks meet New South Wales standard or 4 ft 8 1/2 in. railways.

Passengers have to walk along what seems to be the coldest and draughtiest station platform in Australia, carrying their hand luggage, and searching the line of strange cars for their seats for the rest of the journey.

INCONVENIENCE

Inconvenience to passengers is great, while the bottleneck for freight is also a major difficulty to Australian economy and a still greater drawback in plans for defence strategy.

Freight between Melbourne and Sydney must be handled twice at Albury, adding considerably to the ton costs. Modern methods have reduced the confusion, but the bottleneck is ever there.

Adelaide and Melbourne are linked by a broad gauge line but on the long run between Adelaide and Perth passengers must change trains when the gauge becomes standard at Port Augusta.

Much of Australia's rolling stock is old by world standards and a modernisation programme would work in well with a gauge alteration programme.

The proposals for standardisation of gauges comes at a time when railways are passing through a minor revolution in this country and many engineers are putting into practice ideas which would have seemed unrealistic before the war.

There is a growing tendency to replace steam equipment with diesels and to secure more efficient running of many of the long distance lines.

For instance on the Adelaide to Perth run, diesels have reduced the trip to 2 1/2 days against the three full days which the journey once took. Air conditioned carriages have brought a new standard of comfort to the ride.

So successful have the diesels proved that Commonwealth Railways, which operates the link, earned about £1,000,000 above its operating costs last year. Most railways in Australia are operating on what seem to be perpetual deficits.

In New South Wales, speedy air-conditioned passenger trains with silent coaches are competing with airlines by offering standards of cleanliness and comfort which were almost unheard of in pre-air travel days.

Railway men in all States are facing the competition of an ever-increasing road haulage business between the State capitals. Heavy trucks can offer speedy and comparatively favourable rates partly because they are not troubled by the loading and unloading at state borders.

DECISION WANTED

Some engineers are pressing for an immediate decision on the standardisation plan because one of the major links in the network, the Port Augusta-Broken Hill section, will soon need reconstructing.

They say that if this line is re-formed on non-standard gauge the capital cost would be wasted or would set back for years the cause of standardisation.

Most experts agree that rail standardisation would bring snowballing benefits to Australia.

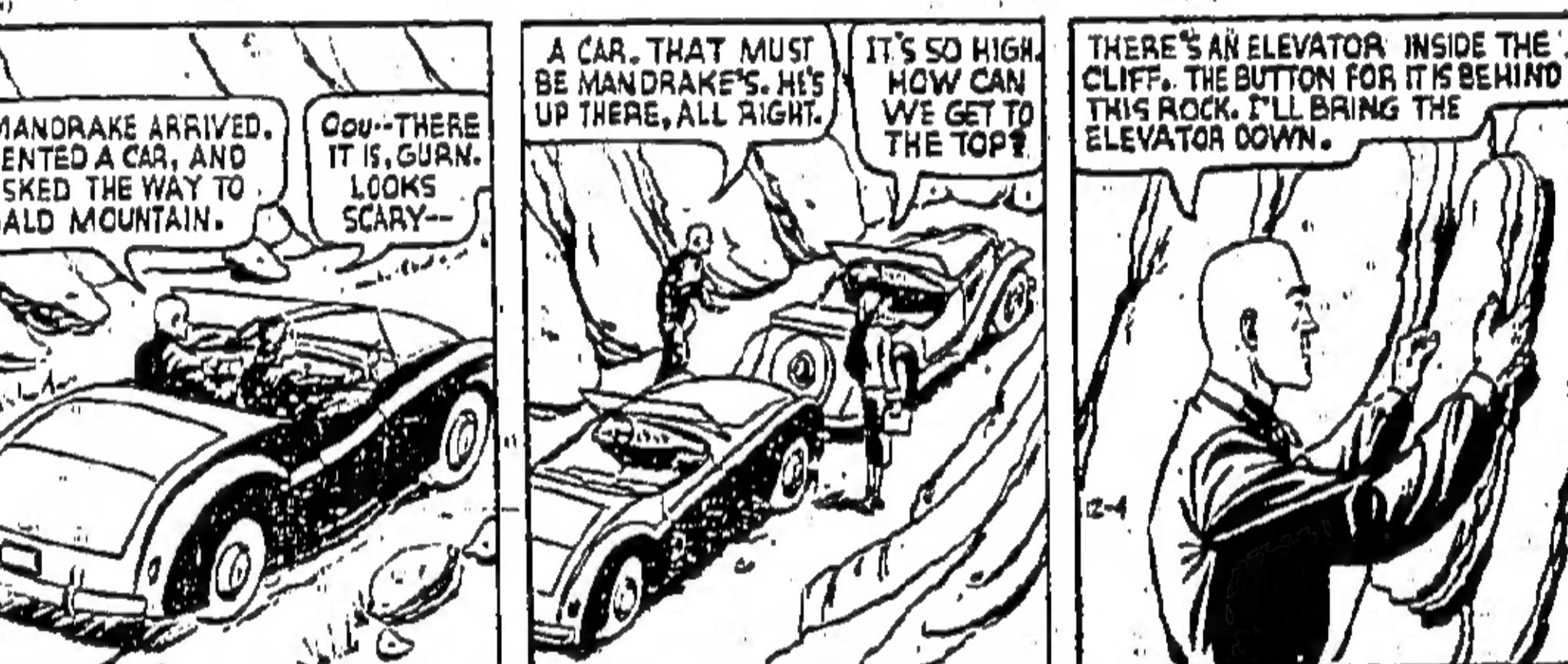
By eliminating delays and encouraging straight-through traffic, standardised tracks would cut transport costs 20 per cent when Australian producers and manufacturers are looking for every possible means of adjusting themselves to stiffer world competition.

It would also bring Western Australia closer to the Eastern States in terms of time and money.

The most that has been accomplished so far is the accumulation of vast quantities of official reports from the numerous governmental investigating bodies set up during the past half century.

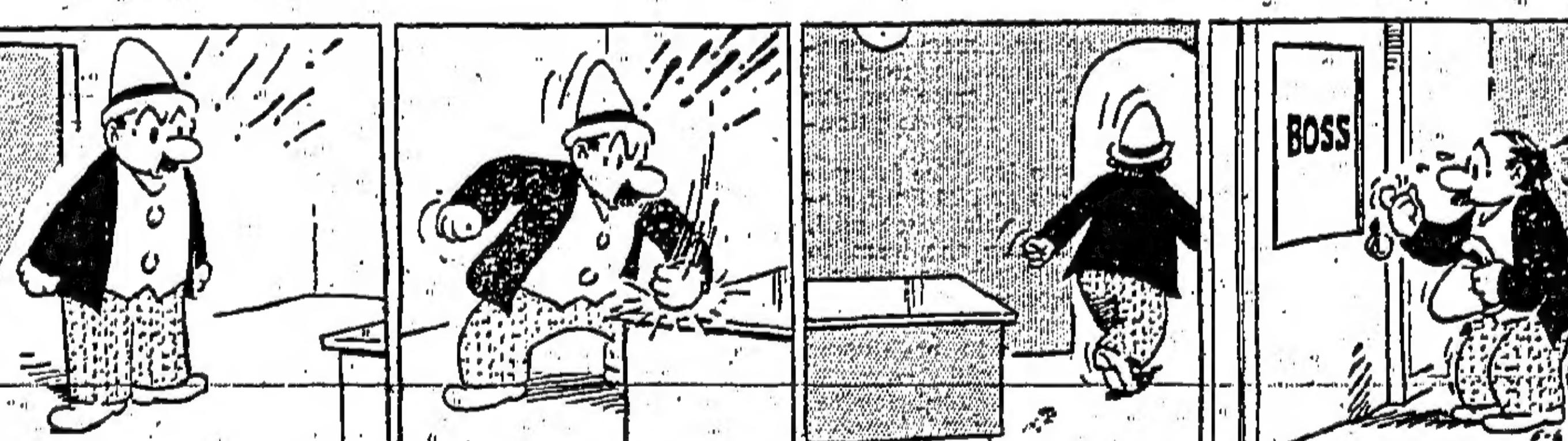
One newspaper correspondent commented: "Australia never had a better opportunity than now to make a bold attempt to unify her rail gauge system—China Mail Special."

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NZ COPIES SCOTLAND YARD

Wellington, July 5.
New Zealand's police force is being reorganised on the lines of Britain's Scotland Yard following the appointment of Mr S. T. Barnett as Controller General.

The new chief, who is 53 years of age, has long been regarded as one of the most capable men in the Government payroll and he has been called in before the Government of the day to take up appointments when the position could have been "difficult."

As Controller General he will have complete administrative control, but will remain outside the service. His assistant, a career policeman, will be in charge of all crime detection and normal police work.

As Secretary of Justice and Controller of Prisons over the past few years he will hold these positions as well as the police appointment—Mr Barnett has instituted many reforms in both departments.

The circumstances—in which he takes office are far from easy. A 13-month commission of inquiry which investigated allegations of corruption against members of the force had disturbed both members of the force and the public at large, and the events leading up to his appointment touched off one of the most bitter New Zealand political controversies in recent years.

Allegations

Allegations against members of the force ranged from telephoning tapping to receiving "bush money" from bookmakers, but the Commission found the charges not proven.

The police commissioner, Mr E. H. Compton, "voluntarily resigned" on certain conditions because he felt he could no longer exert his authority. Two of the conditions agreed to by the Government were that he should be paid a lump sum of £6,000 as compensation and superannuation of just over £200 a year.

Both payments were vigorously attacked in a protracted debate in the House of Representatives.

Members of the police force, through the Police Association and Police Guild, would have liked to see a man from inside the force in charge of it, but they have expressed their loyalty to their new chief.

Since joining the public service straight from secondary school in 1918, Mr Barnett has advanced to becoming the country's leading administrator.

In his spare time he studied law and graduated from Canterbury University College.

He started with the Lands and Survey Department, later became its first solicitor and later still its director. He was then called on to become assistant Director of Education.

Shown Flair

Throughout his career he has shown a flair for handling difficult situations and for initiating new ideas in his departments. A general overhaul of the police force is already in prospect although he has been on the job for only a few weeks. When more methods used in modern crime detection are introduced, Mr Barnett will have a staunch ally in the Prime Minister, Mr Sidney Holland. While overseas for the meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers earlier this year, Mr Holland inspected the methods of crime detection and general organisation used by Scotland Yard and also by the New York Police Department.

In the first days of the new set-up for the New Zealand force, a new system of criminal index was introduced. Based on the Scotland Yard filing system, the new index which covers the whole country, is based at Police Headquarters in Wellington, the country's capital.

Among early problems facing Mr Barnett are the need for a recruiting programme to bring the strength of the force up to 2,000—present it is about 400 short of the target; an exchange system whereby New Zealanders can have specialised training overseas, and the setting up of a police cadet corps.

Visitors

Mr Barnett believes that visits by overseas experts can also step up efficiency throughout the force. One of his first visitors was Sir Harold Scott, head of Scotland Yard until his retirement 18 months ago.

A Carnegie Travelling Fellowship awarded in 1950 allowed the new police chief to study trends in modern penal systems overseas. As a result many important changes, until then not accepted, have been made in the New Zealand prison system. The latest is week-end and special leave for selected prisoners nearing the end of their sentences.

While in Britain Mr. Barnett also studied the organisation of the West Riding Police, which is regarded here as one of the most efficient in the United Kingdom. He has also been a member of a select committee of the United Nations, inquiring into the prevention of crime and the punishment of criminals.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

African invasion of the US coffee Market may slacken

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, July 5.

Stocks added more than \$1,000,000,000 to valuation today under leadership of top grade issues—Du Pont, General Motors, Ford.

Industrials once again set a new peak in their average, with a gain of more than 3 points.

Rails and Utilities followed along, but at a slower pace.

Du Pont soared more than 13 points in its high bid, held almost 11 points of its rise for a cumulative six-session gain of nearly 30 points, achieved to the accompaniment of stock split rumours.

General Motors, in which Du Pont is the major shareholder, climbed almost 4 points to the tune of stock dividend talk.

Sticks—their labour problems ironed out and price increases about to go into effect—had gains ranging around 2 points in U.S. Steel and Bethlehem.

There were numerous strong spots in the non-ferrous metals. Reynolds stood out with a gain of more than 3. Alumalum, Alcoa, American Smelting, Anaconda, Kennecott Copper added around a point to nearly 2 points.

Monsanto moved up sharply in the chemicals with a gain of nearly 7. Gains in rails were mostly of the fractional variety.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$3,880,000.

American Stock Exchange volume was \$800,000 shares.

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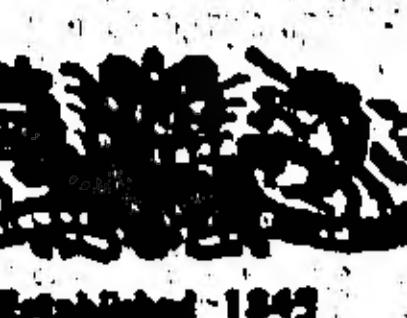
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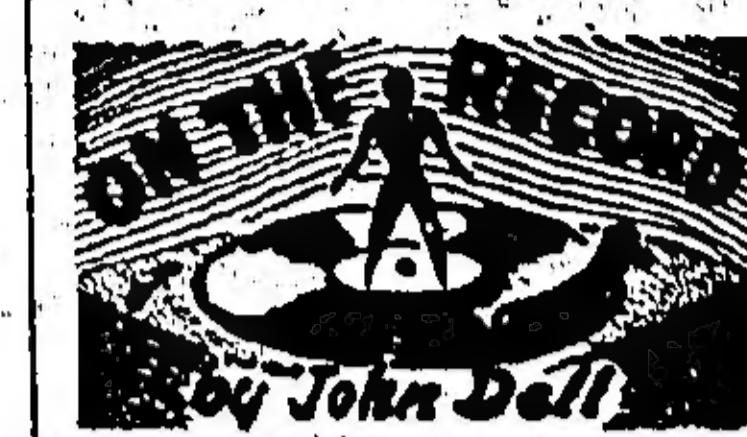
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Ada Gets A Chance

A PLUMP, homely woman stood waiting to cross a busy street. Those who momentarily waited beside her quickly found gaps in the traffic and hurried across, "but she still hesitated on the brink of the noisy, confusing stream."

The woman's name was Ada, and the traffic scared her. It was a long time since she had crossed a busy street.

She crossed at last, and then turned for a last look at the building she had just left. "I'll never go back there," she told herself, "never, never, never." Then she turned her back on the women's prison.

Ada, in middle-age, with a police record of 13 crimes, had decided to go straight.

CAPITAL — 21

SHE walked slowly away and went into a cafe and bought a cup of tea.

"But nothing less, dear," said the girl at the cash till, when Ada offered a £1 note.

"None," Ada stammered. It was then that Ada first felt real fear for her future. For the £1 note she had been given at the prison was all the money she had in the world. The change, the waitress spilled into her hand, was her total working capital.

BATTLE BEGINS

ADA hurried on her way from the cafe. Every moment seemed to count in the battle to earn an honest living that lay ahead. She found a room in a cheap hotel, paid in advance for one night's lodgings, then went out to look for a job.

She found none that day. The following morning, she left the hotel early. The hotel proprietress, visiting Ada's room a few minutes later, found two bedspreads were missing. She telephoned the police.

Ada's description was circulated. But she seemed to have vanished. Ada, thanks to the breathing-space the sake of the bedspreads gave her, found a job. And she kept away from the kinds of places criminals visit and policemen search.

LONG MEMORY

ADA did well in her job in the kitchens of a restaurant. No one seeing her at work would have supposed she had not always been the honest, hard-working woman she was now, proving to be.

But the law has a long memory. The other evening, slightly more than a year after she had stolen the bedspreads, Ada was arrested and charged with that crime.

At the Clerkenwell court she pleaded guilty and her story was told to Mr Frank Powell. "I've led a straight life since then," she cried. "It wasn't easy getting a job, you know, not with a past like mine. I stole those things 'cos I couldn't get work straight away. I've been working hard, sir. Please, please believe me."

RELIEF, TEARS

"YOU'RE just asking to be sent to Sessions," Mr Powell said. "You might get a long sentence there, you know—preventive detention, or corrective training..."

"I know, I know." There was anguish in Ada's voice.

"I'll give you one more chance," said the magistrate, "I shall put you on probation."

Mercy was almost too much for Ada. "Ooh, thank you, sir," she moaned, as if the relief caused pain. "If I'd gone to prison I'd never have picked up the threads again, it would have undone all I've been trying for."

They helped her out, exhausted by the strain and the sudden relief. A woman whose happiness showed even through the tears that streamed down her face and the sobs she could hardly control.

GIVEN MONEY FOR FOOD

Mr J. E. Durling at Central Juvenile Court this morning ordered \$20 to be given from the poor box to a 15-year-old boy who appeared before him pale and weak, charged with begging for alms in Wongnai-chung Road on Monday.

The money was given to the boy to buy some good food. He was cautioned and discharged for his offence.

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End Of Terrorism
This Year?

MacDonald Not Optimistic

London, July 5.
Mr Malcolm MacDonald, British Commissioner General in Southeast Asia, said here, tonight that the chances of the Communist terrorist campaign in Malaya ending this year are small. "It could only end this year," he added, "if the Communists decided to give up."

"That is not utterly impossible but it is very unlikely."

"But the situation is steadily improving all the time."

Mr MacDonald, who in September takes up his new appointment as High Commissioner in India, was answering questions in the BBC's twice-weekly survey of current affairs.

Of the strikes at Singapore, where he usually spends about half his time, Mr MacDonald said: "Some are industrial strikes and perfectly legitimate, some are political."

"None are racial."

The political strikes were organised by Communists and fellow travellers who did not want the new left-centre government to succeed.

A BIG DANGER

Asked what would be the effect of the whole of Vietnam going Communist, Mr MacDonald said that the threat of Communist infiltration to the neighbouring states of Laos and Cambodia, Siam and Burma—a vital area of Southeast Asia—would increase and become more dangerous.

Under the Geneva agreement, he said, it was decided that conversations should take place this month between the Communist government of North Indo-China and the non-Communist government of the South with a view to arranging elections next year.

The conversations would probably start later this month.

When the questioner asked if both regions would go Communist in a free election, Mr MacDonald replied: "I don't think so."

"I think that if the elections were really free, the result would go against the Communists not only in the South but also in the North."—Reuters.

Wrote To The Governor

Chueung Ching-kai, 38, a life banisher, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr J. E. Durling at Central Court this morning for breach of a deportation order. He pleaded guilty.

In mitigation, defendant told the Court that before his return to the Colony he had written a letter to His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, asking for the rescission of his deportation order. After he had returned to the Colony he also wrote two more letters to the Governor, but up to the day of his arrest he had received no reply, he added.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

By Air
Indo-China, 5 p.m.
Formosa, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain, & Europe, 8 p.m.
Japan, 8 p.m.

By Surface
Malaya, Ceylon, Africa, Middle East, Great Britain, & Europe, 4 p.m.
Italy, France, 5 p.m.
Mexico, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 2

By Air
Malaya, 11 a.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 2 p.m.
Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, 4 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, & Europe, 6 p.m.

By Surface
China, People's Republic, 3 p.m.
Australia, 5/2, via Fremantle, 1 p.m.
Macau, 2 p.m.
Malaya, Burma, India, 3 p.m.
New Zealand, 4 p.m.
S. Africa, & Rhodesia, 4 p.m.
Macau, 6 p.m.

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S. Africa, & Rhodesia, 4 p.m.
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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



Impressive Concert By HK Orchestra

As a newcomer to the Colony, I cannot judge last night's concert by previous performances of the Sino-British Orchestra although the appreciation shown by the audience at this well-attended concert indicated that it must have been at least up to standard. Hongkong can feel very proud of its orchestra which (I was going to say compares favourably but this would be an understatement) excels orchestras of similar status in other parts of the world.

Such exceptionally good bowing is rarely seen except in orchestras which play together nearly every day. The conductor, Professor Foa and Dr Hard, the leader, deserve special commendation for this. It obviously leads to better union playing and better attack both of which were so clearly demonstrated last night. The balance of the orchestra was good as was the "give and take" of the various parts.

I should like to suggest that the leader's name appear more prominently on the programme. The leader is the most important member of the orchestra and holds a very responsible position; he also has more to do than anyone else except the conductor. I had to look forward quite a long time before I found his name on the programme.

DYNAMIC FORCE

The concert began with the "Egyptian Overture" which was accompanied by a disconcerting switching on and off of the auditorium lights. Mr Stage-Manager, In 1810, Beethoven was commissioned to write this overture and the incidental music to Goethe's tragedy. This music vividly portrays the liberation of a people and, as such, was handled with dynamic force and energy by the orchestra.

The wind section then departed and we were treated to a delicate and subtle rendering of Holst's "St Paul's Suite". The Ostinato deserves special mention and the balance between the parts, in the Finale with the interwoven theme of "Greensleeves" was specially appealing but what a pity the ending was not quite up to the standard of the rest.

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Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6 p.m. Time Signal and Program Summary: 602, Lucifer, David, "Very Popular" presented by Jean (Studio); 7. The Japanese Kabuki Theatre. The Second in a Series of Five Tales by A. C. Scott (Radio, 1954); 8. "The Story of Ip So" (Concert); 10. "A Life of Harrison" produced by Lord Hewitt (TV); 11. "A Life of Harrison" produced by Lord Hewitt (TV); 12. "A Life of Harrison" produced by Lord Hewitt (TV).

7.30 Weather Report; 8. Time Signal and the News (London Relay); 8.00, Commentary (London Relay); 8.15, Special Announcements; 8.15, Concert; 8.30, "The Story of Ip So" (Concert); 8.45, Gypsy Nights; 9. Time Signal; Piano Recital by Dennis Tang (Concert Hall); 8.15, Wednesday Theatre; 9.15, "The Story of Ip So" (Concert); 10.15, Weather Report; 11.15, Sign Radio News; 12.15, Goodnight Music; "God Save The Queen"; 11.30, Close Down.

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the time, when after their hard work all the year round, the teachers and professors of the world can take a holiday.

Visiting Hongkong at the moment is a large group called the Western Illinois State College Tour.

The purpose of the tour is to teach its members about the way of life and the political situation of each country which they cannot understand properly from their books.

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This group is thirty-six in number. The tour is arranged by the Western Illinois State College under its leader, Professor G. Mulder. Mr Mulder

is a Professor of Musicology, so one of the special aims of the tour is to learn about all the different instruments of the countries they are visiting.

While in Hongkong, the group will visit the University and other colleges in the Colony.

They will also attend an Educational Conference to meet Hongkong's teachers and to learn something about their way of teaching.

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This world-tour will take them eight weeks. On their return many of the members will lecture all over the States.

DR NG YUK-KIN'S APPEAL

CLOSING SUBMISSIONS BY MR BERNACCHI

Hearing of the appeal by Dr Ng Yuk-kin, 50, medical practitioner, against his conviction, reached its final stages this morning when Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, Counsel for appellant, began his winding-up in reply to arguments advanced by the Crown yesterday.

The appeal was based on seven grounds and the Full Court yesterday indicated it would hear Senior Crown Counsel in respect of all grounds except the first three.

Dr Ng was found guilty on a charge of rape at his re-trial on May 3 and was sentenced to five years by Mr Justice James Wicks. He was charged with the offence against Tam Shun, 25-year-old spinster, at his clinic in Nathan Road on August 28, 1954.

Dr Ng was found guilty of the offence at his first trial and sentenced to five years by Mr Justice C. W. Reece, Pulse Judge. He appealed against conviction and the Full Court on April 18 quashed the conviction and ordered a new trial.

The Full Court comprises Mr Justice T. J. Gould (Acting Chief Justice), Mr Justice J. R. Gregg (Acting Senior Pulse Judge) and Mr Justice A. D. Scholes (Acting Pulse Judge). Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva, is appearing for the appellant. The Crown is represented by Mr. Dene Mayne, Acting Senior Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Sub. Insp. E. R. Moss.

COUNSEL REPLIES

Winding up his arguments in the appeal, Mr Bernacchi said this morning that the passage in the summing-up to which Mr Mayne referred the Court in answer to ground four of the appeal had nothing to do with this particular ground. Mr Mayne had referred the Court to ground four, four pages dealing with the offence of rape at his re-trial.

Counsel said that Mr Mayne had not dealt with the question of Tam Shun's contradictory evidence on the point of sexual knowledge.

Mr Bernacchi referred the Court to a further passage in the summing-up which he said Mr Mayne did not mention. He said that the learned Trial Judge, if anything, was brushing aside completely the inconsistencies on this question of her knowledge of sexual act, whereas in the Court below she had said quite clearly she had knowledge of it before the incident.

What the learned Judge did not do was to point out to the Jury the very important feature of her evidence at the second trial, that she did not know of sexual matters, which was in direct contradiction to her sworn evidence in the Magistracy, Mr Bernacchi submitted.

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